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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND MEANS FOR FILLING NATURAL CASING SAUSAGES

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/31/2000 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/US00/02028 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) 01/26/2000 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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For: METHOD AND MEANS FOR FILLING NATURAL CASING SAUSAGES

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(d) AND 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN Townsend Engineering Company

ADDRESS OF CONCERN 2425 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50317

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 18 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled METHOD AND MEANS FOR FILLING NATURAL CASING SAUSAGES by inventor(s) Stephen H. Cate, Marcellinus Franciscus Ottow, Steven P. Hergott, Vincent L. Basile, II, Michael S. Simpson, David S. Hamblin, Ken L. Lebsack, Rudolph P. Enklaar, Jay D. Thomas, described in

☒ the specification filed herewith.

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